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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

My tracphone is used in my vehicle in case of a breakdown. My home phone is used for other calls. This is strictly an emergency phone because it is already high enough to use it and I have to buy a certain amount of airtime each month, regardless. Now, if the price is increased even more than the high rate I already pay per minute, there will be no point in carrying it because I won't be able to afford it. I am an old woman and not in good health. I have already spend over 2 hours stranded on the side of the road a number of times, and this would worry me horribly, if I were unable, even working full time, to afford to have an emergency phone in my vehicle.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members